

## SW2250 - Introduction to Social Work/Social Welfare

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| Credits:           | 3 (3/0/0)   |
| Description:       | This course introduces students to social welfare and social work, including fields of practice, institutions, populations served, special issues and an introduction to some social work methods and theories. A general historical and contemporary overview of the profession is provided, including its values, ethics, methods, multiple settings and a beginning use of system theory.  |
| Prerequisites:     |   |
| Corequisites:      |   |
| Pre/Corequisites*: |   |
| Competencies:      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analyze the basic concepts of social work and social welfare.</li> <li>2. Analyze social work's professional history and how it impacts practice today.</li> <li>3. Demonstrate an understanding of the Council of Social Work Education's core social work competencies.</li> <li>4. Demonstrate an understanding of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.</li> <li>5. Discuss how the social work field responds to changing locales, populations, scientific and technological developments, and emerging societal trends.</li> <li>6. Demonstrate increased self-awareness of personal biases and values in working with diverse groups.</li> <li>7. Analyze the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination.</li> <li>8. Discuss the role of social work in advocating for human rights and social and economic justice.</li> <li>9. Describe the profession of social work, its relationship to the institution of social welfare and values that guide its practice.</li> <li>10. Explain the tasks and phases of social work practice.</li> <li>11. Describe the evolving nature of theories and practice approaches that inform social work practice.</li> </ol> |
| MnTC goal areas:   | None  |

\*Can be taking as a Prerequisite or Corequisite.